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INDOCHINA MILITARY SITUATION

- I. Ten VM bns heading Luang Prabang.
 - A. Elements within 60 miles.
 - B. Still 22 bns Dien Bien Phu.
 - C. More may head south.
 - D. French have sent 6 bns. to
 Luang Prabang, making total
 14 now there and guarding
 approaches; only 12 reserve

25X1X7 bns in delta.

II.

- A. VM wants gains prior negotiations
- B. VM gains may spark peace advocators.
- C. But land-grabbing old strategy.

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- III. Delta guerrillas more active.
 - A. Many attacks past week.
 - B. Six VM bns added -- total 18.
 - IV. Guerrillas active central Laos and Annam.
 - A. East of Savannakhet
 - B. Pleiku area in so. Annam.
- V. Vietnamese desertion south of Saigon A. Area has been quiet militarily.
 - B. VM subverts Vietnamese troops.
 - C. Further example enemy coordination.